



High school bands earn top ratings

After months of hard work and preparation, all three Goose Creek CISD high school bands — Robert E. Lee, Ross S. Sterling and Goose Creek Memorial — earned first division ratings at the Regional Marching contest.

The first division rating is the highest score judges can award. The three Goose Creek bands were among the 32 bands that competed at the Little Cypress-Mauriceville stadium on Oct. 17.

“ It was my first UIL marching contest to attend, and I must say I was overwhelmed and filled with pride to watch our bands perform and compete at such a high level of excellence,” said Tim Vaughn, Goose Creek director of fine arts.

The Robert E. Lee is directed by Alec McGuire and Caleb Lopez.

The Ross S. Sterling High School Band is directed by Richard Clem and Joseph Grobusky.

The Goose Creek Memorial Band is directed by Richard Lewis and Jon VanOmmeren.

High school band marching competitions alternate classifications each year. Because this year is a year for only 3A and 5A bands to advance to the State Marching Band Contest, the competitive marching season for all 5A high school bands — including Lee and Sterling — ended with the regional contest.

However, Goose Creek Memorial advances to the 4A area marching contest at the Galena Park ISD Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 24. The marching GCM Patriot band is scheduled to perform at 1 p.m.

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